

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/537,177	JUUJARVI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Karen Cheng	1626	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed 1/25/07.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the instant application.

Response to Amendments

Applicant's amendments found in Amendment – After Non-Final Rejection, filed 1/25/2007, have been fully considered and are entered. The enablement rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, first paragraph of claims 1-12 have been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment. The written description rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, first paragraph of claims 1-7 have been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment. The indefinite rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph of claims 1-12 have been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment. The claim objection of claims 1 has been withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

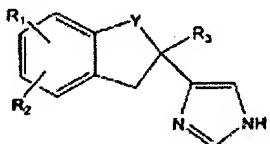
1. Insert at the beginning of the specification

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/FI04/00004, filed January 08, 2004, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to an application filed in Finland on January 08, 2003.

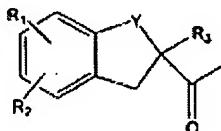
Statement of Reasons for Allowance

This invention relates to a process for preparing compounds of the following



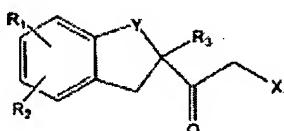
formula (I)

and acid addition salts thereof comprising the steps:



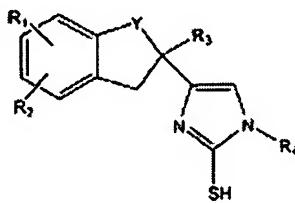
1) halogenating a compound of formula (II)

to obtain a compound of



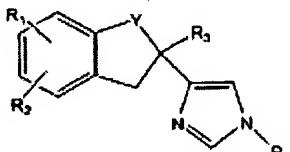
formula (III)

2) reacting a compound of formula (III) with an amine and alkali metal thiocyanate to



obtain a compound of formula (IV)

3) removing the mercapto group from the compound of formula (IV) to obtain a



compound of formula (V)

4) removing the group R4 from the compound of formula (V) to obtain a compound of formula (I). The closest prior art has been made of record (see Non-Final Rejection, 10/25/2006) but fails to teach or suggest the use of an alkali metal thiocyanate in step 2)

of the process, thus resulting in the novel compound of formula (IV) with a mercapto group.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

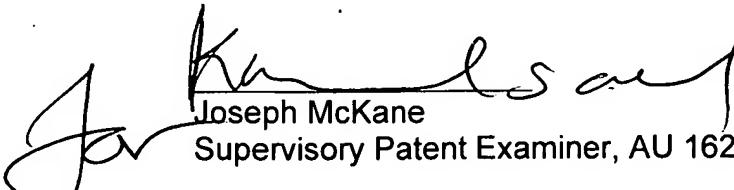
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen Cheng whose telephone number is 571-272-6233. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9AM to 5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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